

Handgun Safety



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Rules to live by

- Check position of safety on/off.
- If weapon has slide-lock is it engaged?
- Before beginning any handling, exchange between persons or cleaning, check to be sure of the condition of the weapon.
- Be sure the safety is on and the weapon is not loaded.



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Rules to Live By

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense will dictate the safest direction, depending on different circumstances



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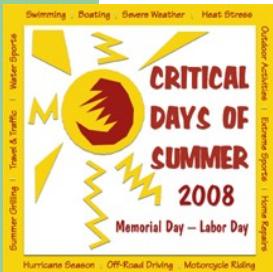


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2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.



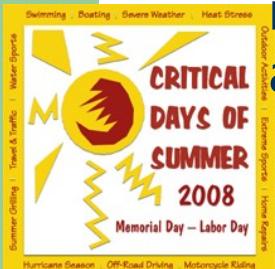
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3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition.

If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.



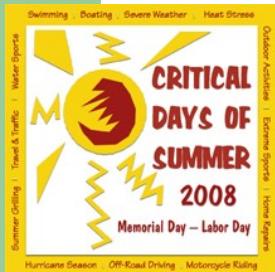
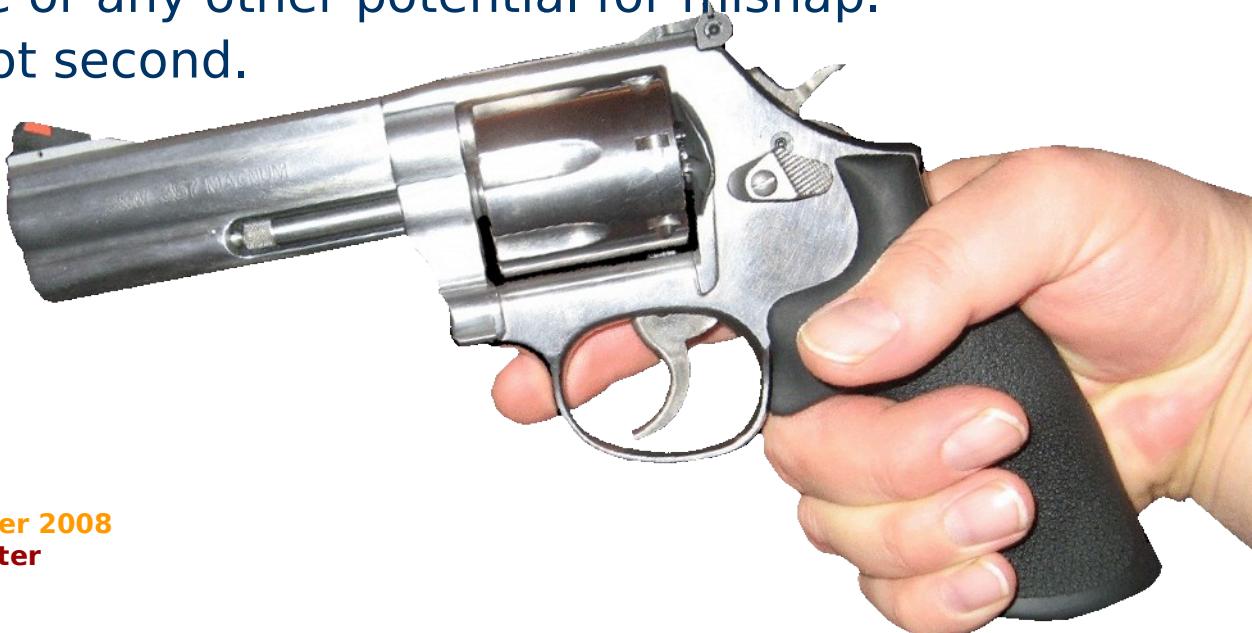
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4. Know your target and what is beyond.

Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap.

Think first. Shoot second.



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Control?
Are you ready for the recoil

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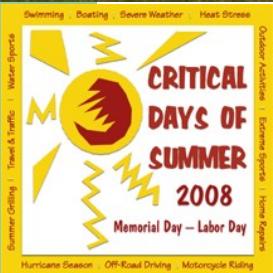
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Alcohol and handguns...

- **Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.**

Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

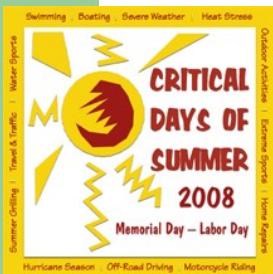


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Myth Busters



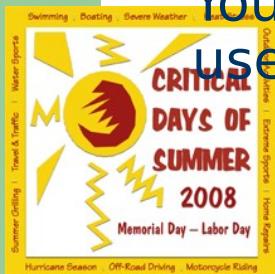
- **Don't do anything really stupid.**
- Don't handle guns when you are drunk, drugged, or demented or depressed.
- Don't leave guns lying around where children can get them. Instead, lock guns in a child-proof, burglar-proof safe, or purchase a trigger locking device and use it, whenever it is practical to do so.



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Myth Busters

- Before cleaning your gun, **make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.
- **Cleaning**
Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

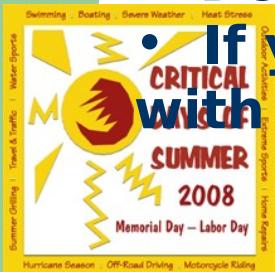


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Myth Busters

Don't do anything really stupid.

- Being on the wrong end of a weapon is not funny. Could lead to involuntary fear-based reactions
- Even pointing a gun at someone might make them hurt themselves or someone else.
- **Don't treat guns as toys.**
If you wouldn't juggle chain-saws then don't play with guns.



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